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ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
April 3, 2001

Hampshire, ss.

To one of the constables of the Town of Amherst, in said county, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst who are qualified to vote in Elections to vote at

Prec. 1	North Congregational Church Hall	Prec. 6	Fort River School
Prec. 2	North Fire Station	Prec. 7	Crocker Farm School
Prec. 3	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Prec. 8	Munson Memorial Library
Prec. 4	Large Activity Room, Bangs Community Center	Prec. 9	Wildwood School
Prec. 4A	Hampden Dining Hall, UMass	Prec. 10	Glass Room, Bangs Community Center
Prec. 5	Large Activity Room, Bangs Community Center	Prec. 10A	Hampden Dining Hall, UMass

on **TUESDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF APRIL, 2001** from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the article:

Article 1. Moderator , one for one year; Selectman two for three years; School Committee, two for three years; Elector, Oliver Smith Will, one for one year; Jones Library Trustee, two for three years; Housing Authority, one for five years; Redevelopment Authority, one for five years; Hampshire Council of Governments Councilor, two for two years; Charter Commission, nine; Town Meeting Members: Precinct 1, eight for three years; Precinct 2, eight for three years; Precinct 3, eight for three years, two for two years; Precinct 4, eight for three years, two for two years, one for one year; Precinct 5, eight for three years; Precinct 6, eight for three years, one for one year; Precinct 7, eight for three years, one for two years; Precinct 8, eight for three years; Precinct 9, eight for three years, one for one year; Precinct 10, eight for three years, one for two years;

and to vote YES or NO on the following ballot questions:

QUESTION 1

Shall a commission be elected to frame a charter for Amherst?

QUESTION 2

Shall the town accept sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws, known as the “Community Preservation Act,” allows communities to establish a dedicated source of funds for the acquisition, preservation and creation of open space and land for recreational use, for the acquisition and preservation of historic resources, and for the creation, preservation and support of community housing.

As approved by Town Meeting, the funding source in Amherst would be a surcharge of one (1%) percent on the annual property tax assessed on real estate. In addition, the Act creates a state trust fund from which the Town would receive distributions. Such distributions are available only to communities that have accepted the Act.

The Act contains certain mandatory exemptions and allows communities to elect to include certain optional exemptions. Town Meeting has elected to include optional exemptions so that if the Act is accepted, the following would be exempt from the surcharge: 1) Any taxpayer exempt from real property tax would be exempt from any surcharge under the Act; 2) Any taxpayer receiving a tax abatement would be entitled to a reduction of the surcharge in the proportion of

the abatement; 3) Any property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or moderate income senior housing in Amherst would be exempt from the surcharge, and; 4) One hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real estate would be exempt.

If the Act is approved, a Community Preservation Committee would be established by bylaw to study community preservation needs, possibilities and resources and to make annual recommendations to the Town Meeting for the expenditure of the community preservation funds. The Act requires that at least ten (10%) percent of the fund be spent annually on each of the three community preservation purposes: open space (not including recreation use), historic preservation, and community housing. The Act also limits the appropriation for administration and operating expenses of the Committee to five (5%) percent of the annual revenues in the fund.

QUESTION 3 (this question is not binding)
Should the Charter Commission, if formed, pursue alternatives to the Representative Town Meeting form of government?

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 19th day of March, 2001.

Bryan C. Harvey
Eva Schiffer
Dolly G. Jolly
Carl W. Seppala
Anne S. Awad
Selectmen, Town of Amherst

Hampshire, ss. March 22, 2001

In obedience to the within Warrant I have this day as directed posted true and attested copies thereof at the following designated places, to wit:

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| Precinct 1 | North Amherst Post Office | Precinct 6 | Fort River School |
| Precinct 2 | North Fire Station | Precinct 7 | Crocker Farm School |
| Precinct 3 | Marks Meadow School | Precinct 8 | Munson Memorial Library |
| Precinct 4 | Amherst Post Office | Precinct 9 | Wildwood School |
| Precinct 5 | Town Hall | Precinct 10 | Campus Center, UMass |

Sgt. Jennifer A. Gunderson
Constable, Town of Amherst